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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR USE AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR

- 1. FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL TEXT APPROVED BY WHITE HOUSE OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR USE IN U.S. PAVILION AT DAMASCUS FAIR. THIS MESSAGE SHOULD BE USED INSTEAD OF TEXT DELIVERED DAMASCUS EARLIER BY NOVAK, WHICH SHOULD BE DISREGARDED. TEXT SHOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC AND POSTED WHERE APPROPRIATE.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT: ALL AMERICANS JOIN ME IN WELCOMING YOU TO THE UNITED STATES PAVILION OF THE DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR

THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 21ST DAMASCUS UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERNATIONAL FAIR. THIS PRESTIGIOUS EVENT PROVIDES A

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF GOODS AND SERVICES AND FOR THE SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES. BY HELPING TO STRENGTHEN THE BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING, THE DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE FOUNDATIONS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

THE SYRIAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLES HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND WE IN AMERICA ARE PROUD TO COUNT AMONG OUR CITIZENS SO MANY PERSONS OF SYRIAN DESCENT. WITH A NEW ERA OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IN FRONT OF US, WE CAN WORK MORE CLOSELY FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A PEACE WHICH WILL YIELD PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS FOR ALL OUR PEOPLES. THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR IS A CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF THIS OBJECTIVE. I HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY VISITING WITH US TODAY. (SIGNED) RICHARD NIXON. END TEXT.

3. PRESIDENT NIXON'S SIGNATURE SHOULD BE PRINTED AT END OF TEXT. INGERSOLL

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